

breakout ABSTRACT

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TITLE

APPROACHES FOR DEVELOPING MEASURES OF EXPOSURE TO CONTAMINANTS IN DRINKING WATER

TRACK

Network Content

OBJECTIVES

- Review the work conducted by the Drinking Water Exposure Methods Workgroup; discuss key challenges and possible solutions to overcome these challenges
- Discuss the potential and limitations of using regulatory water quality data as a basis for tracking measures
- Discuss possible approaches to linking individuals and small populations to specific community and small water systems.
- Generate discussion about developing meaningful and feasible measures of exposure to drinking water contaminants

SUMMARY

Presentation Summary: In the coming months a sub-group of the Content Workgroup will be working to developing measures of drinking water contaminants and population exposure to these contaminants. These measures will be used by all states funded to implement the EPHTN, and thus, will be a crucial component of the network. Given the complexity of drinking water delivery systems, the paucity of data regarding systems not covered by the SDWA, and the variability in the type and quality of such data between states, it will be challenging to develop meaningful yet feasible measures. This session is designed to begin to address these challenges and possible approaches, by involving specific groups who have already worked on these issues. This discussion will help to set the stage for the development of the EPHTN drinking water measures.

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